

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

10:00 AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

People: Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

People: The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss. 1-3) 238

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony Wednesday Night Love Feast
Conny and Allen Cranford

Grant us grace this advent season that we may draw near to you, O God. Help us prepare our hearts for your Holy Son, sent into the world as a light to all the people. May our faith inspire us to hope in You, O Prince of Peace. Save us from our darkness and doubt. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Children's Moment Julie Calafiura

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology 95

Hymn "There's a Song in the Air" (vss. 1-3) 249

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem "As Mary Sleeps" (J. Galina)

Scripture Lesson Philippians 4:4-7 1429

Sermon "Of Joy" Pastor David

*Hymn "Joy to the World" (vss. 1-3) 246

*Benediction

Postlude David Matthews

*Please stand as you are able

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***Altar Flowers** – The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

***Welcome** – We welcome all who have come to worship today. If you are new here, we would love to support your spiritual journey. We also need your help in ministry! If you are committed to this group of Christ's people, consider making the pledge of membership. *Hearing Assistance Devices* are available. Please ask an usher for help.

***Circle of Prayer** – *Church:* Chuck Coast, Helen Coast, Marcia Watt, Bill Russell, Marilyn Tripp, Selma Marlowe, Aida Weldon, and Marianne Myatt. *Neighbors Near and Far:* Ralph Wright, E. F. Swartzel, Nancy Britton, Heather Watts, Carrie D., Linda Saucier, David Lane, Winnifred Corbett, John Phillips, Avram Kent, Helen MacWhinney, Michael Kesti, Devan Whitaker, and Gracie Stalvey.

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:1-3

THIS WEEK

SUN. (12/16)		DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS
	5:00 pm	Christmas Dinner in Henderson Hall
MON. (12/17)	9:30 am	Food and Clothes Distribution
TUES. (12/18)	1:00 pm	Lydia Circle in Conf. Room
WED. (12/19)		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	10:30 am	Bible Study in Conf. Room
	5:00 pm	Love Feast in Henderson Hall
	5:00 pm	Young Voices
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
FRI. (12/21)		OFFICE CLOSED
SAT. (12/22)	10:00 am	Poinsettias Delivered
SUN. (12/23)	8:45 am	Adult Sunday School in Conf. Room
	9:00 am	Soul Café
	10:00 am	Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)

***CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER** – We'll gather in Henderson Hall at 5:00 pm. Turkey, Dressing, and Drinks will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. Please bring your own table service. There's a Christmas program for all ages.

***OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** – We'll gather at 7PM for our Christmas Eve Worship of Word, Song, and Candle Lighting.

***BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** – Thanks for everyone who helped with Breakfast with Santa. It was a great success!

***POINSETTIA DEADLINE** – This is the last day to dedicate a poinsettia.

***ADVENT SERIES** – During Advent and Christmas Eve our focus in worship will be these 5 gifts of God: *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light.*

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Liturgist—Phil Lucas

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